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Applicants

Christian Plank et al.

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COMBINATIONS FOR INTRODUCING NUCLEIC

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Group Art Unit

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Examiner

Jon E. Angell

New York, New York August 30, 2004

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the June 3, 2004 Office Action received in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that Office Action for two months, from July 3, 2004 up to and including September 3, 2004, and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(2). Thus, this response is timely filed.

Application No. 10/023,317 Amendment dated August 30, 2004 Response to June 3, 2004 Office Action

Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.